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ARTESIA ROAD TO BE GRAVELED

One of the most important subjects brought up for discussion yesterday noon at the Chamber of Commerce lunch at the Crawford hotel, was that of the proposed graveling of the road between Lakewood and Artesia at a cost of something like \$80,000 to be paid from money raised by Eddy county supplemented by state and Federal road money.

Ex-County Commissioner L. A. Swigart brought it to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce that plans for the surfacing of this road with gravel had already been sent to the board of county commissioners of Eddy county by Engineer Davison, and the county commissioners had approved the plan and returned the same to Santa Fe. It was the opinion of Mr. Swigart that the majority of the citizens of the county were opposed to this money being spent on the road between Lakewood and Artesia for the reason that the road is now one of the best in the county and that there are other roads needing this money much more than that strip of highway. He said that if something was not done at once to halt or change the present plans the project will be completed without giving the citizens of the county a chance to express their wishes.

Mr. McIlvain explained that the county commissioners had it put up to them to approve this work being done on the road between Lakewood and Artesia or having the money spent in other parts of the state, leaving Eddy county out of the road building program, but Mr. Swigart was of the opinion that this county has a right to say where they want the money spent, the commissioners have repeatedly been promised they could say what road they wanted fixed and he believed the state engineer's office could not afford to go back of that promise. It was moved by Robt. C. Dow that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter and report what can be done to get Eddy county's share of the money spent where a majority of the citizens want it spent and where it will do the most good. This motion carried and President Hubert announced he would appoint the committee at the next meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to be held tonight.

Each county of the state is supposed to get their pro rata of road money according to the valuation of property in the county and it is thought the state officials will be willing to do the square thing by Eddy county if it is properly called to their attention.

Major Bujac told the Chamber of Commerce that El Paso was now considering building a road to the Pecos valley and had the money and enthusiasm to put it over, but that Roswell was trying to get the road built to that point. He pointed out that Carlshad has a much shorter route which will be practically free from snow the year round and affording tourists scenery unsurpassed by any other route. The club seemed to think that something should be done about getting this road to El Paso built and action probably will be taken shortly looking to that end.

The first speaker was H. H. Dilley chairman of the membership committee, who said he was scared and had been scared ever since he found out he was to make a talk. He said there are now 170 registered members of the Chamber of Commerce and suggested that each one secure a new member for the club, which would bring the total up to about 400. He also suggested sending out questionnaires for information as to what each one thinks could be done toward beautifying and making Carlshad more attractive, then have the answers printed in the local paper.

C. F. Montgomery, manager for Joyce-Fruit company made a short

WANT THREE THOUSAND STEERS

Messrs T. J. Donahue, of Omaha, Nebraska and J. L. Driskill, of Moorcroft, Wyoming, have been in our vicinity for the past week looking at steers on the different ranches around Carlshad. They are in the market for about five thousand steers and three, and have looked at several bunches, though we know of no deals that have been made yet, or that they have made any offers on any of the bunches that they have looked at.

The Forehands had them out looking at their cattle Monday and they went out to the Plains country Monday afternoon, in company with J. F. Joyce, where they bought about eight hundred head, mostly twos and threes up, at \$20, \$30 and \$40. These cattle were bought from Amos Reeves, Henry Record, the Huston boys and Wil Fenton.

NATIONAL COMMANDER DIES.

Santa Fe, N. M., June 9, 1921. Chas. W. Rarey, Adjutant American Legion, I am sorry to have to announce to you the untimely death of the National Commander Galbraith which occurred yesterday. Please give widest publicity.

HERMAN G. BACA.

talk on the evil of patronizing the mail order house. He said \$100.00 a day is now being sent out of town for goods which may be bought in Carlshad for the same price when quality is taken into consideration, that the mail order customer gets skinned as a rule and generally are dissatisfied with their purchases. He closed by stating that what helps the merchants of Carlshad benefits everyone living in the city and that a continuation of the practice of buying out of town will kill any community.

Mr. Sherman of the State National Bank, spoke at length and made many suggestions for the improvement of the city and rural community. First he believes a real, live secretary for the Chamber of Commerce should be employed to devote all his time to the work. Then every family in the city should strive to get one family to come to Carlshad to live. He said it would work for he had seen it tried at other places. He then said the streets of the city should be paved regardless of the cost or difficulties to be overcome. He likes the farmer who raises alfalfa and hogs and thinks grapes should be raised on a large scale on the project, stating that if a large quantity were grown a market could easily be found, and closed by admonishing the Chamber of Commerce to make a loud noise if they hoped for the outside world to recognize their efforts towards building a city.

The next speaker was Dr. Bearup who said Carlshad must furnish amusement for the people if they hoped to attract new comers and when that was done tourists would be glad to come here. He also gave an illustration of the shortage of houses in Carlshad by stating that last winter he had one hundred applications to rent two houses.

Rev. Mr. Sellards gave the club his views about making the park in the west part of town a beauty spot and playground. He suggested that a walk be put around the park so the children of the city might use it for skating and that two tennis courts be built of concrete as well as building other playgrounds. He suggested that each citizen be asked for \$10.00 to pay for this work.

W. F. McIlvain told of the trip to Sitting Bull Falls and said that place was so out of the ordinary was what made it so attractive. The committee will ask the board of directors for \$100 for building a road to this place. The road will not be the best but it will be made so any car may make the trip. He said there was swimming holes and shade trees and suggested that Carlshad go there to spend the Fourth of July instead of trying to pull off a celebration in Carlshad.

BOY SCOUTS GET AWAY ON THEIR BIG CAMPING TRIP

The Scouts of both troops left Monday morning in cars and trucks bound for Black river, and they intend pitching their camp near the old Blue Springs ranch.

They were well equipped with a fine camping outfit and a fine supply of "chuck," and we see no reason why they should not enjoy the week.

They were in charge of Scoutmasters Hawkins and White, and took along a fine camp cook from Roswell, and it goes without saying that they will enjoy themselves.

The roads were very muddy on the trip out and the boys stuck both the big trucks several times, but with the assistance of Dick Thorne, Gene Little, Wilson Prowell and a few others, they managed to get the outfit to the location selected, and reports from there are to the effect that they are having a fine time.

A few of the Scouts from Pecos came up and went out with the boys and seemed to be feeling right at home when they left there Monday morning.

About thirty Scouts came down from Clovis on the train Monday and were taken out in cars to the Camp on Black river, so that they might enjoy the week with our boys who are camped at that place. It was rather amusing to watch those kids around and looking up at our big cottonwood trees and to see them standing on the banks of the Rio Pecos admiring the large heads of water coming down the river. It goes without saying that they will take our Scouts selected down on Black river.

SCOUT NEWS FROM BLUE SPRINGS CAMP

Well, if you have never seen a real camp you had better come down Friday on visitor's day and watch the workings of the happiest bunch of Real Scouts you have ever seen. The camp is beautifully located in the big lane near the Blue Springs ranch house and the drill ground is just what is needed for the work the boys have to do. Nine large Cavalry tents are used to house the lads and if you don't think they are straggled to Camp West for this favor you mention his name to them.

Thirty great Scouts from Clovis under direction of Scout Master Posten and Mr. Atwood arrived at Camp Tuesday morning and like true Scouts, fell right into camp and are truly one of the company.

Don't mention the fact that the trucks were stuck coming out. The hours but Scouts don't mind little lads were without food for several things like that and not a word of complaint was heard from anyone.

Camp Captain Howth is getting the boys in fine shape and it is the intention to have the best drill Friday ever witnessed in these parts. Several officers have been appointed among from among the boys and the work of regular drill will be kept up after the lads come back to town and a competitive drill with the Cavalry drill company is being figured on. Virgil McCollom, Frank Smith, Bill Hardy, Preston Oliver, of Carlshad and Chas. Taylor and Louis Lalande of Clovis are among the new officers appointed in Military circles, with Pat Higgins as Color Sergeant.

The boys enjoyed a splendid talk from Mr. Posten of Clovis Wednesday evening and the presence of this gentleman in Camp is having an excellent influence. Mr. Posten is a man devoting his life to work among boys and men and if you do not have an opportunity to hear him speak you are going to miss a treat.

Jim Harrison and Heard Reynolds, two fine scouts from Pecos are adding much to the Camp. Sorry the bridges played us bad and more of the Pecos boys could not come. Eat, no the boys can't eat. Our old reliable cook, Dutch, surely has his hands full preparing enough for seventy tummies, but however, they all get filled.

Quite a number of the boys are taking special scout work and many merit badges will be issued to the fellows taking special work.

A special squad of life savers has been formed and no boys are allowed in the river without some member of the crew along.

We are expecting the people of Carlshad out in great numbers Friday and the boys hope they will not forget to bring cakes, pies and sweets for its hard to make enough for the crew out here.

Arrangements are being made for a ball game with Loving BBB Friday afternoon. Carlshad and Clovis Scouts will be arrayed against the Loving forces.

MASONS, ATTENTION!

A special communication of Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., has been called for Friday evening, June 10, at eight o'clock for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree.

The feature of the meeting will be the exemplification of the degree by Past Masters of Eddy Lodge.

Refreshments will be served and a social hour will follow the close of the meeting.

All visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.

800 MILLION POWER PLANT ON COLORADO RIVER, SCHEME

Edison Project Will Send Current To Eight Southwest States, Including New Mexico.

Phoenix, Ariz., June 2.—State Water Commissioner Norviel shortly after noon today accepted for filing the application of the Southern California Edison Company to develop hydro-electric energy from the Colorado river. The promoters of the project say it involves an ultimate expenditure of about \$800,000,000 or twice as much as the sum spent on the Panama canal.

The application asked permission to impound the Colorado river at Glen canyon and Diamond creek. The company seeks to acquire water rights in Arizona for the development of two and a half million horse power of hydro-electric energy for distribution in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, Texas and Wyoming.

The application was given to Commissioner Norviel today by Edwin O. Edgerton, formerly president of the California state railroad commission, acting as special counsel for the Edison company, which has just completed the legal requirements qualifying it to operate in this state.

Mr. Edgerton stated that the ultimate development contemplated by the Edison application would cost between six hundred and twenty-five million and eight hundred million, most of which would be invested in Arizona. The cost will depend on the area covered by transmission lines and fluctuation in the cost of labor and material.

Reasonable provision is made for physical and engineering obstacles, he said.

He said the work would cost approximately twice the sum required for building the Panama canal and would rank as one of the greatest engineering feats on this continent.

John B. Miller of Los Angeles is president of the Edison company.

WHEN YOU BORROW A CAR DON'T KEEP IT TOO LONG

John Tatum was arrested by City Marshall Tom Wood Monday, and a complaint filed against him, charging him with unlawfully using a car belonging to Ron Holt.

Tatum was brought before Judge Richards, and after the complaint was read to him, explained to the court that he borrowed the car from Mr. Granger. That himself and another young fellow started out with the car and was to use it ten or fifteen minutes. That on the rounds they met two young ladies and asked them if they didn't want them to take them home, and receiving an affirmative answer proceeded to do so. After riding around for a while it seems that they all decided to take a little joy ride and while proceeding along the highway south of town, the car bogged down with them, and made it necessary for Mr. Tatum to go to the nearest farm house and borrow a shovel and dig until about four o'clock in the morning, when he secured the services of a good strong mule team and a log chain and pulled the car out, bringing it to town.

He took it to the Ohnemus shops and had it washed, but it seemed that the washing was charged to Mr. Granger, and that about five gallons of gas had been consumed, in the rounds.

After listening to the young man's tale of woe, Judge Richards informed him that upon his own statement he would be warranted in holding him over to await the action of the grand jury in October, but that if he would pay the costs in the case—\$10.95, and pay Mr. Granger for washing the car and for the gas he had used, that he would let him off.

The court quoted the law relative to this particular offense, and suggested to him that he be more careful in future along these lines.

The law is very specific regarding this offense, and it might be well for us to reprint it for the benefit of those who are not familiar with it, and it follows:

"Any person who shall, without the permission of the owner thereof, take any automobile, bicycle, motorcycle, or any other vehicle, for the purpose of temporarily using or operating the same, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, in the county jail, nor more than three years in the penitentiary, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Houston, Texas, May 27.—Curate, a natural poison growing in quantities and a hitherto unknown tropical weed, is believed to have caused the death of thousands of cattle in the Gulf coast country, according to city bacteriologist Lotz. Examinations of the stomachs of the dead cattle revealed the poison.

A little piece of news which will interest many of our readers is the fact that the state highway commission has approved the completion of the unfinished road on the Cap Rock Lovington road, which will close up the gap on that highway and make it fine for the traveling public.

A woman might be willing to try to live on love, but a man does not love her who would let her try it.

GENERAL RAIN FALLS THROUGHOUT PECOS VALLEY

Carlshad and vicinity has been blessed with a generous supply of rainfall during the past week, and the country is getting in mighty fine shape. Although the local weather bureau reports only an inch and 45-190 of rainfall for the past week in Carlshad, the fall was much heavier all around, and all the creeks, rivers and canyons were running into the Pecos. The rise in the Pecos at this point never got beyond ten feet at the highest, and the dams and canals were not damaged in the least by the flood waters.

The government report on the rainfall for the past month was 2.71 inches, and for this year 5.04.

For a while it was thought that the Pecos would get much higher than it did, but the water was banded at both of the lakes above in a way that the flood waters were well taken care of, and no damage resulted.

The Delaware bridge below town was washed out, and we have had no Santa Fe train south since Monday. A work train and crew have been busy all the week trying to replace the bridge and repair the track, but have been working at a great disadvantage, on account of so much flood water.

The Delaware river was thirty feet high and old timers say that is higher than it has been for years. It is thought, however, that trains will be running south in a day or two—possibly by Monday morning.

The connection and service from the north have been very bad, and on account of the many washouts on the Santa Fe in different locations north of us, it has made it very difficult to have a train even from that direction. The express and mail both have been badly bailed up, and it will take several days to get things straightened out at that end of the line.

Over on the Texas and Pacific between Toyah and Pecos the track was washed out for 1,200 feet, and the trains were detoured from Sweetwater around on the Southern Pacific to Sierra Blanco and on to El Paso. We understand that that road has repaired the damage done by the flood and is again running on regular schedule.

Reports from all parts of the country around Carlshad are to the effect that the rains were general, and our cattlemen all have a smile on, as well as our business men and bankers.

The rain caught quite a quantity of hay down among the valley farms and a large amount was damaged, but on the other hand great benefit resulted for the cotton farmers, and it will save them irrigation, besides making the cotton grow so much faster than an irrigation would have done.

The rain gauge at the Reclamation office recorded 1.43 inches precipitation during the recent storm. The total rainfall for the month of May amounted to 2.71 inches, bringing the total precipitation for the year up to 5.04 inches.

DOWN THE PECOS IN A BOAT.

Notwithstanding the fact that we are having about the hardest times ever, and that people in general are given more or less to being a bit gloomy over the situation, there are still a few persons in the world who are adventurous and curious.

One of these said adventurous persons was the fellow who came down the Pecos in a boat this week. His name was E. E. Vaughn, and he had been a mechanic in the Texas oil fields. He arrived at Santa Rosa a few days ago, and as things didn't suit him he decided to come south, and choose as a means of transportation the muddy waters of the Rio Pecos.

He procured lumber and built himself a boat, and with one paddle plunged into the river and started south. Everything went well with him until the river got out of banks up above Roswell, and he had to lay up several hours when he proceeded on down Mill he got a little ways above Lake McMillan, when he got lost in the salt cedars and had to camp out one night.

Coming on down to McMillan he took a look at the water running through the spillway, and compared it with the Niagara river, and decided that it would be unsafe to proceed further in the boat, so he abandoned the boat and went on south on the train.

His next stop was to be Pecos, Texas, where he expects to put in quite a while looking for pearls in the mussel shells which he has been informed are plentiful in the shallow waters of the Pecos river near that place.

He left Santa Rosa on the morning of the 7th and arrived at McMillan on the morning of the 9th, which was doing pretty well, considering the layover, for the water to get low enough for him to stay in the river channel. It is about 150 miles from Santa Rosa to Carlshad.

The Red Cross adheres to the estimate that there will be at least 500 lives lost in the Pueblo flood, and the real estate board estimates that the property loss will run between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. The debris and mud is so vast that it will take several days to make any impression on it.

CITY FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION

At a regular meeting of the Aldermen of the City of Carlshad held last Monday evening in the city offices, it was announced that the city now has all its old bills paid up to date and has a balance in the general fund of something like \$2,000. The city data are to be congratulated upon their sagacious management of the affairs of the city which is generally "broke". Recently the county turned over to the city treasurer \$5,100.00 which had been collected from taxable property in Carlshad.

Besides the general routine of business transacted a contract was made with the Carlshad Light & Power Company to furnish electric energy to operate the irrigation plant of the city for 5c. per kilowatt hour.

City Attorney Guy A. Reed told the aldermen that the \$40,000.00 bond issue for the municipal building had been rejected by a bond company on the ground that the statute of limitations in New Mexico limited the City of Carlshad to a \$27,000.00 bond issue for that purpose. It seems that right now there is not much prospect for having the municipal bonds, but it is hoped they will be sold later on as the present fire hall is a disgrace to the city as well as being dangerous.

There is some hopes of getting the paving movement in full swing again and a contract may now be entered into with a paving company without further expense if their bid comes within the original estimate of the engineer employed last year to get this work started. The City Attorney seemed to think the aldermen might be called upon any day to consider bids from paving contractors. This led to a discussion of the proposition of graveling the streets of the city and some of the council thought that if the curb and gutter were built just like they would be paving was laid that the graveling idea would be the best for Carlshad on account of having the material close by. However, no action was taken one way or the other.

The subject of franchises of both utility companies was brought up and it seemed that past city officials have been very careless about keeping the ordinances passed together and in order so that the validity of any law could be questioned and in this connection it was apparent that the compiling and printing of the city ordinances is a necessity which should be done in the near future. As to the franchises in question the records concerning same will have to be completed and can be arranged without any trouble.

The spring crop report showing the acreage planted to the several crops has just been completed by the Reclamation force and is as follows:

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TOTAL 21930

The total acreage irrigated during 1920, according to the Reclamation Service reports, amounted to 22,172 acres or 242 acres in excess of the spring report for the current year. It is expected, however, that late plantings of feed crops will place the total cropped area slightly in excess of 22,000 acres.

The acreage in cotton has decreased from 13,153 acres in 1920 to 9,378 acres in 1921, while alfalfa has increased from 6,250 acres in 1920 to 8,318 acres in 1921. The various corn crops also show an increase of 2547 acres over the acreage reported in 1920.

RANCHER KILLS SELF AS FLOOD RUINS HIS CROP.

East Las Vegas, N. M. June 4.—Coming from his house this morning to find that a nearby river was flowing through his ranch, spelling ruin to his crop prospects, J. C. Egger, aged 60, well-to-do ranchman near Watrous, N. M., returned to his house and immediately a revolver shot was heard.

Mr. Egger was found dead in his room.

He had recently suffered other financial reverses through hail and rain.

L. C. Leftwich reports several feet of water in Spencer Dam, which will make it possible for him to raise another cotton crop out there. This is the first water that has been caught there this season.

Sheriff Batton and daughter, Miss Dorothy, returned Wednesday from an overland trip to Santa Ana, Texas where they went after Mrs. Batton, who had been down there several weeks visiting her parents at that place.



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